

8. On page 14, please amend the Abstract, as follows:

ABSTRACT

A contour collimator for radiation therapy has a plurality of diaphragm elements that are movable with respect to each other by means of drive units. The diaphragm elements of the invention are supported only on the side ~~of~~ near the drive units for ease of movement, ~~even in the case of diaphragm elements.~~ This allows larger contour collimators to be constructed having relatively heavy diaphragm elements while retaining relatively small motors.

~~A preferred embodiment provides for diaphragm groups that are arranged opposite to one another and can be moved as a group towards and away from each other in addition to the movement of the individual diaphragm elements.~~